

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the National Cancer Institute, more than 37,680 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer this year in the United States and 34,290 will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, pancreatic cancer is the deadliest cancer and the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society Inc. Surveillance Research 2008 and the National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2008, approximately 1,020 deaths will occur in North Carolina; and

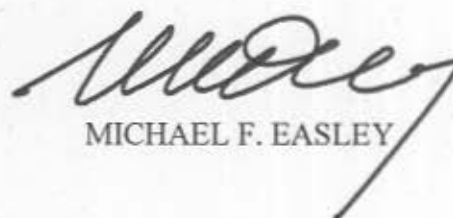
WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, 75 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis and 95 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Cancer Institute, incidence of pancreatic cancer is 20 to 30 percent higher in men than in women and 40 to 50 percent higher in African Americans than in other ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, the good health and well-being of the residents of North Carolina are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2008, as "PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.